

# Friday Night Fax

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## Unified State Plan Update

The ICCSV is working with several Indianapolis-area not-for-profit organizations to host the first USP regional summit on the campus of **Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis** on **August 19th**. The purpose of the summits are to **equip organizations and individuals** for participation in **local partnerships** that examine ways to **increase Indiana's ability to address local issues by expanding opportunities for community service and civic engagement**. Participants will have an opportunity to: **connect their communities to the USP's framework; knit together stronger community partnerships through increased communication, collaboration, and coordination; generate the motivation to host community dialogues and utilize volunteers to meet unmet needs; link organizations to a vast array of information, programs, and funding opportunities**. The Commission will host additional summits in Evansville, Fort Wayne, New Albany, Richmond, South Bend, Terre Haute, and West Lafayette. If your organization is interested in convening a local host committee, please contact: Mr. Carey Craig, senior program officer, at (317) 233-0901, or by e-mail at [ccraig@dwd.state.in.us](mailto:ccraig@dwd.state.in.us).

National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service  
ICCSV Executive Director Joe Smith, along with Commission Chair Lynn Coleman will attend the 2003 National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service. The Corporation on National and Community Service and Points of Light Conference host this event June 6th - June 10th in Baltimore. Joe will be attending his last national conference as a board member of The Association of State Service Commissions (ASC). The theme for this year is **"Building a Culture of Service: Neighbor to Neighbor."** Workshops will be conducted which will enhance commission's growth and CNCS will offer the latest best practices from across the nation. ASC will offer some timely presentations and elect a new slate of board members. Look for an update from Joe in the next issue!

## Welcome to the ICCSV Team!

The ICCSV is pleased to welcome Ashley Cochran to the ICCSV team. Ashley will be serving with the ICCSV as a Citizen Corps Intern from June 11th - August 29th. She will be working on expanding the outreach of the Citizen Corps initiative and strengthening current councils by providing leadership and guidance to the local councils. Ashley is a student at Anderson University, where she is majoring in criminal justice. She comes to the ICCSV team to gain experience in working with communities to address homeland security and family safety and preparedness. Welcome Ashley!

## Emergency Preparedness Handbook for Indiana

Organizations and individuals will soon have access to the Indiana Emergency Preparedness Handbook which has been designed to help individuals prepare, react, and recover from emergency situations, whether natural or man-made. The presenting sponsors of the guide are Farm Bureau Insurance and U.S. Filter Water (Indianapolis Water). Additional underwriting sponsors include the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, State Emergency Management Agency, WFMS Radio, and the ICCSV. Only 20,000 copies are being published this year. The ICCSV will distribute at least 250 copies: to request a copy of the handbook, please contact Brandy Wood at [bwood@dwd.state.in.us](mailto:bwood@dwd.state.in.us). Copies are limited; therefore, requests for copies will be considered only after the Citizen Corps Councils of Indiana and the national service programs in Indiana (AmeriCorps and Senior Corps) have received at least one copy.

## New AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Program in Indiana

Congratulations to the Aftercare through Indiana Mentoring (AIM) program for being selected as the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows grantee for the 2002 - 2003 Program Year! The AIM program will host three AmeriCorps Promise Fellows to serve regions throughout the state and will assist communities in providing support for incarcerated juvenile offenders returning home. The AIM program is also working with the Johnson County Youth Service Bureau; one AmeriCorps Promise Fellow with this program will assist in the development of a Youth as Resources program for Johnson County. A fifth AmeriCorps Promise Fellow will serve with the Westside Community Ministries, Inc. This participant will be charged with facilitating after school programming for high-risk elementary school youths living in low-income housing and attending one of three local elementary schools.

Celebrating National Service in Indiana: Streams of Service Working Together  
The *Celebrating National Service in Indiana – Streams of Service Working Together* will begin on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>! We are excited to announce that you can register your AmeriCorps team or as an individual online. We hope to see many national service participants, directors and Commission Board members at this year's event. To register for the event and view the agenda, please visit the following website, <http://www.IN.gov/iccsv/events/sc.html>. The registration deadline is **Wednesday, June 11, 2003**. Activities will conclude for national service participants on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and for directors on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Statewide Service Conference

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV) will host a statewide conference on service and volunteerism on October 22, 23, and 24, 2003 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. The event will bring together national service participants, community developers, and youth service participants. The conference is centered around three primary issue areas: Education, Citizenship, and Community Development/Empowerment. In addition to informative and interactive workshops, participants will have an opportunity to hear well-known personalities speak about the importance of civic engagement. During the conference the ICCSV will host the Governor's Outstanding Service Awards Luncheon. Additional details will be located on the Commission's Web site at [www.IN.gov/iccsv](http://www.IN.gov/iccsv).

Technical Assistance Workshops for Faith-Based and Community-Based Organizations  
FaithWorks Indiana will be hosting workshops across the State of Indiana that focus on how to assess an organization's role in government-funded services and how to seek out partnerships with government. Registration and a list of dates for these regional workshops is available via the FaithWorks website at [www.IN.gov/faithworks](http://www.IN.gov/faithworks). This is a great opportunity to network with faith-based and community-based organizations in your community!

#### Tip of the Month –

From the Indiana Youth Institute's *Weekly Update for the Week of June 9, 2003*.

**Finding federal funding opportunities** can be harder than finding a needle in a haystack. Well, **the haystack is now on-line**.

The **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance** lists federal funding streams to nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, specialized groups and more. On the Web at: <http://www.cfda.gov>

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#### Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

National Conference on Community Volunteering & National Service	June 6-8, 2003
Join Hands Day	June 21, 2003
AmeriCorps Summer Celebration	June 25-27, 2003
ICCSV Board Meeting	July 10, 2003
Statewide Conference on Service	October 22-24, 2003

**Available Now!** Indiana Volunteers License Plates (for front of vehicle) are available for purchase. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood at the ICCSV at [bwood@dwd.state.in.us](mailto:bwood@dwd.state.in.us).

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